

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
HEALTH SERVICES COUNCIL

DATE: 26 September 2006

TIME: 2:30 PM

LOCATION: Health Policy Forum

ATTENDANCE:

Council: Present: Victoria Almeida, Esq., (Vice Chair), Edward F. Almon, Raymond Coia, Esq., John W. Flynn, Maria R. Gil, John Kiemig, Robert S.L. Kinder, MD, Amy Lapierre, Robert J. Quigley, DC, (Chair), Robert Ricci, Larry Ross

Not Present: Rosemary Booth Gallogly, Robert Whiteside

Excused Absence: Joseph V. Centofanti, MD, Sen. Catherine E. Graziano, RN, Ph.D., Wallace Gernt, Denise Panichas, Reverend David Shire

Staff: Valentina D. Adamova, Michael K. Dexter, Joseph G. Miller, Jennifer Morgan (Intern)

1. Call to Order, Approval of Minutes, Time Extension for the Minutes

Availability, and Conflict of Interest Forms

The meeting was called to order at 2:35 PM. The Chairman noted that conflict of interest forms are available to any member who may have a conflict. The minutes of the 25 July 2006 meeting of the Health Services Council were approved as submitted. The Chairman requested a motion for the extension of time for the availability of minutes pursuant to the Open Meetings Act. A motion was made, seconded and passed by a vote of eleven in favor and none opposed (11-0) that the availability of the minutes for this meeting be extended beyond the time frame provided for under the Open Meetings Act. Those members voting in favor were: Almeida, Almon, Coia, Flynn, Gil, Keimig, Kinder, Lapierre, Quigley, Ricci, Ross.

2. General Order of Business

The first item on the agenda was the Addendum-III to the Report of the Health Services Council on the application of Westerly Hospital for New Construction of the Emergency Department and Medical and Surgical Nursing Units and Renovation and Reconfiguration of Diagnostic and Ambulatory Services and Establishment of a Diagnostic Cardiac Catheterization Service. Staff noted that the applicant submitted a letter today per Committee's request regarding the specifics of the cost overrun. Staff recommended that the cost overrun items identified on page two of the report be replaced with

this letter. Staff summarized committee deliberations on this matter. The Chairman requested that the applicant address what transpired for the Health Services Council. Mr. Kinney discussed the management changes and the financial changes.

A motion was made, seconded and passed by a vote of eleven in favor, none opposed (11-0) to recommend that the change order be approved as revised. Those members voting in favor of the motion were: Almeida, Almon, Coia, Flynn, Gil, Keimig, Kinder, Lapierre, Quigley, Ricci, Ross.

The next item on the agenda was the Addendum to the Report of the Health Services Council on the application of Newport Hospital to renovate patient rooms on the 5th floor of the Turner Building. Staff summarized committee deliberations on this matter.

A motion was made, seconded and passed by a vote of eleven in favor, none opposed (11-0) to recommend that the change order be approved. Those members voting in favor of the motion were: Almeida, Almon, Coia, Flynn, Gil, Keimig, Kinder, Lapierre, Quigley, Ricci, Ross.

The next item on the agenda was the Report of the Health Services Council on the application of Memorial Hospital for a Certificate of

Need to expand and renovate the Emergency Department. Staff summarized committee deliberations on this matter.

The Chairman noted that at the Committee meeting the applicant made a presentation regarding its initiatives in primary care. Staff noted that a summary of that has been submitted by the applicant and distributed to the Council members.

A motion was made, seconded and passed by a vote of eleven in favor, none opposed (11-0) to recommend that the application be approved. Those members voting in favor of the motion were: Almeida, Almon, Coia, Flynn, Gil, Keimig, Kinder, Lapierre, Quigley, Ricci, Ross.

Staff noted that there have been two resignations from the Health Services Council by Pamela Houston and Richard Lepine. Staff introduced a new intern Jennifer Morgan who is a student at Provide College. Staff reviewed scheduled Committee meeting times.

3. Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 3:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Valentina D. Adamova